(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken; and

(d) to what extent these States have agreed to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes sir,

(b) Yes sir,

(c) and (d) During the meeting the States/UTs have agreed with the proposal of the Government to supply only 5% ethanol-blended-petrol, to remove the bottlenecks in issuing of licenses/permits and simplify the procedures for making the programme successul.

Losses suffered due to adulteration

†2054. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loss of Rs. 10,000 crores is assessed to occur to the economy of the country due to adulteration in diesel, petrol and other energy sources;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the total number of cases of adulteration in petrol and diesel detected during the last three years; and

(d) the number of cases on which no decision has been taken and the number of cases in which culprits have been punished by courts out of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No scientific study has been conducted to assess the loss to the economy of the country due to adulteration in diesel, petrol and other energy sources. However, substantial loss is suffered by the economy due to adulteration of diesel, petrol and other petroleum products.

(c) During the last three years, Oil marketing Companies detected 897 cases of adulteration in petrol and diesel.

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(d) Oil Marketing Companies take action in all cases where adulteration/malpractices are detected under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

Auto LPG dispensing stations in Karnataka

2055. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has opened Auto Liquefied Petroleum Gas Dispensing Stations in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names of the places where they are opened;

(c) the estimated number of autorickshaws and cars running on LPG cylinders in Karnataka; and

(d) the number of Auto gas Stations which are proposed to be opened soon in Karnataka to cater to the demands of vehicle users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has opened 3 Auto LPG Dispensing Station (ALDS) in Bangalore at the following existing Retail Outlets:—

(i) M/s. Kaveri Service Station, Koramangala.

(ii) M/s. Engrades Filling Station, Opp. BHEL.

(iii) M/s. Venkateshwara Filling Station, Yelhanka.

(c) the running of autorickshaws and cars with replaceable LPG cylinders is not permitted in terms of LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001.

(d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have the plan to set up 11 more ALDS in Bangalore.

Adulteration cases involving petrol pumps

†2056. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Prevention of Adulteration Cell under his Ministry eighty per cent petrol pumps located in North India are

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